GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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LODGING OF PROTEST WITH PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether India has lodged any protest with Pakistan regarding the recent attack carried out in a temple in Gujarat by Pakistani nationals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and (

(c)the reaction of Pakistan thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b)Pakistan`s role in terrorism and terrorist attacks against India has been suitably made known to the international community. Government on several occasions has called upon Pakistan to stop cross border terrorism against India. It has also been made clear that even as we are committed to bilateral dialogue in keeping with the Simla Agreement and Lahore declaration, there can be no resumption of dialogue unless Pakistan stops sponsorship of cross border terrorism. Government are also determined to take necessary measures to safeguard India`s security.

(c)Pakistan has always denied any involvement of its government or of its nationals in any terrorist activity against India.